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In re Application of: Seishi Kato, *et al.*

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AND DNAs ENCODING THESE PROTEINS*

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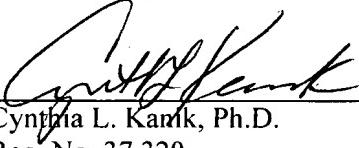
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2001 (Paper No. 8). A Request for a Three-Month Extension of Time in which to respond is being submitted on even date herewith. Responsive to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows: